(c) how the Ministry is coordinating with the Finance Ministry in this regard to save the textile trade in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) The Government had introduced duty drawback rates of textile items on weight basis w.e.f. 19.1.2005 instead of earlier system based on FOB value and per piece norms. However, in the Drawback Schedule, 2005-06, which was notified on 2nd May, 2005, the duty drawback rates on *ad valorem* basis was reintroduced.

(b)The weight based drawback rates had the impact of reduction of admissibility of drawback on high valued items and increase in duty drawback rates on low value export items. The admissibility of duty drawback rates is dependent on many factors such as FOB value of exports, incidence of fiscal levies on the inputs of export product, the quantum of exports, etc.

(c) The Ministry of Textiles have constantly been interacting with the trade and the problems of the trade are appropriately taken up with Ministry of Finance for their resolution.

Technology mission on jute

1104. SHRI C. PERUMAL:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jute Technology Mission is being implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives given for exports of jute products?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to implement a Jute Technology Mission. However, this is yet to be approved by the Competent Authority.

Pitiable condition of weavers in the country

†1105. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the condition of the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.